

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Screen printing machine, comprising: having a print table;
a gripper mechanism (11, 12) assigned to the print table (3), said gripper mechanism arranged to convey for conveying the print material (10) into and out of the printing machine, characterized by; and
a flexible flat carrier (16) which is connected to the gripper mechanism (11, 12) and arranged to support on which the print material held by the gripper mechanism rests.
2. (Currently Amended) Screen printing machine as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that wherein the carrier (16) is designed to be air-permeable.
3. (Currently Amended) Screen printing machine as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that wherein the carrier (16) is designed to be antistatic.
4. (Currently Amended) Screen printing machine as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that wherein the carrier (16) is designed to be wear-resistant.

5. (Currently Amended) Screen printing machine as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that wherein at least a portion of the carrier (16) supporting print material is made of cloth.

6. (Currently Amended) Screen printing machine as claimed in Claim 5, characterized in that wherein the cloth is UV-resistant and thermally stable.

7. (Currently Amended) Screen printing machine as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that wherein the gripper mechanism has at least two a pair of grippers (11, 12; 12, 13; 13, 14; 14, 11) which is located on and driven by a conveyor chains (15) for each, the and one carrier (16) being held between each pair of grippers them.

8. (Currently Amended) Screen printing machine as claimed in Claim 7, characterized in that wherein the carrier (16) is connected to at least one of the grippers (12) by an elastic intermediate piece (17).

9. (New) A method of conveying print material through a screen printing machine, comprising the steps of:

providing a screen printing machine, said printing machine including a print table,

a plurality of gripper mechanisms assigned to the print table, said gripper mechanisms arranged to convey print material into and out of the printing machine,

at least one flexible flat carrier, each carrier connected to between two gripper mechanisms and arranged to support print material held by the gripper mechanisms, and

a conveyor on which the gripper mechanisms are carried;

gripping print material with the gripper mechanisms;

advancing the conveyor to transport the print material into the printing machine to a printing position;

further advancing the conveyor to transport the print material out of the printing machine.

10. (New) The method of conveying print material through a screen printing machine of claim 9, wherein the at least one carrier is air-permeable, further comprising the steps of:

applying a vacuum to the at least one flat flexible carrier to fix the print material to the carrier.